IN THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A playback apparatus for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of video of the video stream, and the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, the playback apparatus comprising:

a storage unit ~~memory~~;

a player that ~~operable to~~ successively plays ~~play~~ the video according to the control information;

a program executer that interprets and executes ~~operable to interpret and execute~~ the predetermined codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage unit ~~memory~~;

an image selector that selects ~~operable to select~~ at least one image of the plurality of images to be rendered based on ~~(a)~~ a specified location on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information and ~~(b)~~ the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage unit ~~memory~~; and

a renderer that renders ~~operable to render~~ the selected at least one image during playback of the video.

2. – 7. (Cancelled).

8.   (New) A playback method, in a playback apparatus comprising a storage unit, for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of video of the video stream, the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, comprising:

successively playing the video according to the control information;

interpreting and executing the predetermined codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage unit;

selecting at least one image of the plurality of images to be rendered based on a specified location on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information, and the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage unit; and

rendering the selected at least one image during playback of the video.